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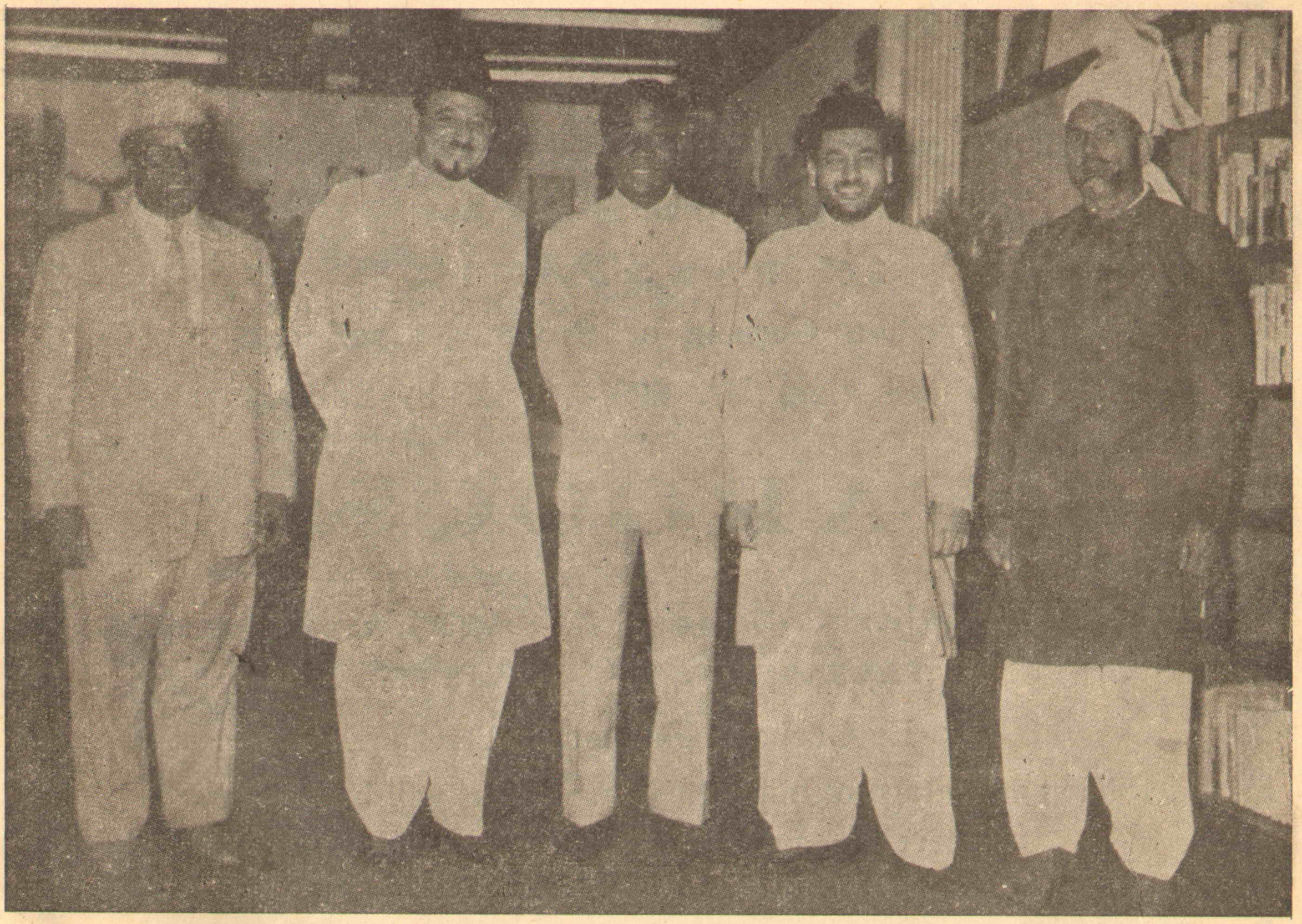

Sahibzada Mirza Mubarak Ahmad, Director, Ahmadiyya Muslim Foreign Missions, (fourth from right) with Dr. Kwame Nkrumah, the President of the Republic of Ghana (centre). Others in the picture are Maulvi A. U. Kaleem, Raisut-Tabligh, West Africa (extreme right) Syed Mir. Masud Ahmad and Mr. A. W. Arthur, President, Ahmadiyya Movement in Ghana.

AHMADIYYA MOVEMENT

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The Ahmadiyya Movement was founded by Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad, the Promised Messiah and ahdi, peace be on him, in 1889 A.D under divine command, to establish the truth of Islam and to make this noble religion dominant over all others. On the demise of the Founder, Hazrat Maulvi Nuruddin, one of the most devout disciples, was elected by the Community to succed him as Khalifatul Masih I.

The present Supreme Head of the Community is Hazrat Mirza Bashir-ud-Din Mahmud Ahmad Khlifatul Masih II.

The preaching activities of the Community have now spread all over the world and the Ahmadiyya centres of the propagation of Islam are busily engagred in furthering the cause of religion. Some of these centres are listed below :

AHMADIYYA MUSLIM MISSIONS

EUROPE :—

ENGLAND : 63, Melrose Road Landon, S.W. 18.

HOLLAND : De Moschee, Oost-duinlaan 79, Den Haag.

SWITZERLAND : 323 Forch-strasse, Zurich

GERMANY :

(a) Die Moschee, Wieckstrasse 24, Hamburg, Stellingen.

(b) Did Moschee, Babenhanser Landstrasse 25, Frankfurt.

DENMARK : S. Masud Aumad. Rosenvaengets Alle 5, Kopenha-gen.

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GAMBIA : P.O. Box 383, Bathurst

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Djakarta 1/13.

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Fulfilment of a Prophecy

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Three quarters of a century ago when the Founder of the Ahmadiyya Movement-in-Islam, Hazrat Ahmad, the Promised Messiah and Mahdi, peace be on him, was yet unknown even in adjacent quarters of his dwellings, God the Almighty revealed to him : "I will cause thy message to reach the corners of the earth". This revelation was later on supplemented by another grand prophecy which promised the birth of a son who was to be like him (the Promised Messiah) in excellence and virtue and who was to be known throughout the world for his remarkable achievements in the field of the propagation of Islam.

The achievements of the Tahrik-i-Jadid during the last thirty years are a positive proof of the fact that the message of the Promised Messiah, peace be on him, which is no other than the message of the Holy Prophet of Islam, may peace and blessings of God be upon him, has really reached all the parts of the world, and the revelation "I will cause thy message to reach the corners of the earth" has had a glorious fulfilment. It is also an irrefutable proof of the fact that the prophecy of the birth of a son of some specified attributes has come to pass in no other person than the present Head of the Ahmadiyya Movement, Hazrat Amirul Momineen, Khalifatul Masih II.

The Tahrik-i-Jadid Monthly has been started to project the extensive work being done by the Ahmadiyya Movement in foreign countries—and in some relevant cases in Pakistan, too. Presenting this first issue to the readers, we ask for everybody's co-operation in the great task that lies ahead. Indeed it is the duty of all of us to put our shoulders to the wheel and to push forward the cause of Islam which doubtlessly is the cause of the whole humanity.

We ask all of you to pray for us that out of His sheer

Bounty, God the Almighty, may enable us to do our best and that He may accept from us whatever humble presentation of ourselves we can make.

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We also ask you to let us have your views about this magazine and what you would like us to add to it. Your views will always be a source of encouragement for us and we are quite confident that we shall be able to make the best of them.

Please read this magazine yourself and let others read it. If you have to ask anything about the work of the Tahrik-i-Jadid (which tantamounts to saying 'the work of the Ahmadiyya Movement in foreign countries'), your questions will always be welcome, and on our part, we can promise you a quick response.

May God accept our efforts and may He reward everybody who is serving His religion in any capacity whatsoever, abundantly. Amen.

Amanat Fund

Hazrat Amirul Momineen, Khalifatul Masih II says :

"Whenever I ponder over the demands put forward in connection with the Tahrik-i-Jadid I am wonderstruck by the usefulness of the Amanat Fund and I begin to think that the scheme of the Amanat Fund is truly a scheme revealed by God. For, without any further burden (on the Community) and without asking for any extra subscriptions, this Fund has helped us accomplish such tasks as are simply surprising."

He also says :

"To deposit money in the Amanat Fund is not only useful but also a service to religion."

WE NEED BOTH MONEY AND MEN

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BY

Sahibzada Mirza Mubarak Ahmad
Vakil-i-Ala

The ideal of Tahrik-i-Jadid devolves upon us a huge responsibility. We have to establish the truth of Islam in the whole world and that can be done only through our sacrifices. As a first step towards this goal a stream of missionaries and books must always flow form our Headquarters to all parts of the world.

This task needs both money and men ; money in abundance and a sufficient number of men capable to serve Islam with the requisite fervour and zeal ; men who can dare to go wherever they are sent whether in the snow-covered peaks of Europe or the burning sands of Africa and braving heavy odds and hardships, who can set their face for a reward towards God alone.

We need such men in large number and it is up to the Jama'at to produce them. Youngmen should therefore come forward and dedicate their lives for the sublime job and the Jama'at should offer a goodly portion of their children every year who should be educated and trained for shouldring this heavy burden.

You have read in the prophecies of the Promised Messiah that a glorious future awaits Islam. That should serve as a sufficient guarantee for those who devote themselves for the service of Islam that their lives will not be wasted. Rather they will shine like the shining star.

A CLARION CALL

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The Tahrik-i-Jadid stands for revitalisation of Islam and that is possible only by carrying the message of this noble religion to all the corners of the globe. In this age the dominance of Islam over other religions is only a matter of time. It is the destiny of God and it must come to pass. The harder we work, the quicker and better will be the results, Insha Allah. The Promised Messiah peace be on him, was himself very anxious that the message of Islam be carried from door to door :

> "Had it been in my control, I would have gone, like a beggar, from door to door in order to preach the message of the true religion of God and tried to save the people from the devastating Polytheism and disbelief. Were God to teach me English I myself would go about and tour (the world) for spreading the message of Islam and end up while engaged in this task, even if I am killed."

Hazrat Amirul Momineen the Khalifatul Masih II to whom goes the credit of inaugurating the Tahrik-i-Jadid, under divine guidance, has always been equally anxious that the message of Islam should be conveyed to everybody in the world wherever he might be living, in the shortest possible time. In one of his Friday Sermons (15.2.36) he said :—

> "Thus God has told us that the real progress can be achieved by on the one hand strengthening the Head-quarters, and on the other hand, by your going out to China and Japan and America and Africa and Straits Settlements and other countries. You should spread out in the world to such an extent that no other nation should be able to stand against you. You must remember that the best General is he who can spread out his army wisely. The people whom I am addressing are those without any knowledge of warfare and the one who is addressing them is he who has never held a sword in his hand, but God has vouchsafed him knowledge—indeed the knowledge of every kind. The Communities who are static and do not move, are crushed. If you did not spread out in the world and chose to sleep over the matter, then He will drag you to wake you up and every time the dragging will be severer than the last dragging. You should therefore spread out in the world. Spread out in the East, spread out in the West, spread out in the North, spread out in the South, spread out in Europe, spread out in America, spread out in Africa, spread out in the Islands, spread out in China, spread out in Japan, spread out in all the corners of the world so much so that there should be no corner of the world, or country or territory where you are not to be found. You should spread out as the Companions of the Holy Prophet, peace be on him, spread out, you should spread out as the Muslims of early days spread out. Wherever you go you should enhance your prestige and therefore the prestige of the Community.

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WHAT THEY SAY

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Jack Mendelsohn says in his book 'God, Allah and Juju' :

"It was in Lagos, too, that Billy Graham was challenged to a public debate by a noted Muslim scholar, and, in keeping with his usual policy on such matters, refused. A typical comment : If Graham wanted to attack the Muslim faith, he had every right to do so ; but he also should have had the courage to debate his view publicly." p. 23

To see how simple, adaptable, and practical a face Islam exhibits to a Nigerian radio audience, let us return to Maulvi Naseem Saifi, who, incidentally, was the unrequited challenger of Billy Graham during the famous evangelist's crusade." p. 96.

"I have mentioned several times the weaving of Ahmadiyya influence into the emerging Islamic patterns. This is easily the most active and extensive Muslim missionary movemont in tropical Africa, yet its roots are not African at all. The sect was born in the Punjab and its missionary headquarters is in Pakistan." p. 111

"Activities of the Ahmadiyya Mission are spirited. It has helped to build some twentyfive mosques (in Sierra Leone) and it has an agile corps of young missionaries devoting themselves to the spiritual and educational progress of the land." p. 106.

Willard Price says in his book 'Incredible Africa' :

"Islam has been growing in Africa three times as fast as Christianity. Africans who import any religion are more willing to take it from disinterested Muslims than from European colonialists who, they say, have given them the Bible while at the same time stealing their land."

"Evengelist Billy Graham, returning from a tour of the continent, predicts the waning of Christendom in Africa, 'with Christians fleeing into caves and catacombs to escape persecution." P p. 189, 190.

Editor's note : We can assure Dr. Billy Graham that there is no cause for his fearing from his own shadow. Islam stands for peace and if and when Africa came under the healthy influence of Islam, the followers of all the religions, whatever their total strength. will live in peace. For, live and let live, is the motto of all the true Muslims.

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"It is my wish that we should be able to establish centres of the teachings of Ahmadiyyat, in our own life time. Thus the main object of Tahrik-i-Jadid is to establish the Centres of Ahmadiyyat even in the farthest parts of the world, in the shortest possible time."

Clarion call indeed ! Let all of us take note of it and do all we can to spread the message of Islam to the farthest corners of the world. Men and women, young and old—none to be left out. All shoulders to the wheel please.

Vakil-ut-Tabshir tours West Africa

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Sahibzada Mirza Mubarak Ahmad, Vakil-ut-Tabshir (and Vakil-i-Al'a), toured West Africa from 27th of April to 16th of May, 1965. He was accompanied by Sayed Masud Ahmad, as his Secretary.

Sahibzada Sahib visited Nigeria, Ghana, Ivory Coast and Siera Leone and he sent Sayed Masud Ahmad to Gambia to pay a visit to that Mission, because he himself was not well enough to undertake that journey. What he had already covered was very exhausting, especially because of the attack of colitis that he very unfortunately had in Ghana. Day in day out, he had to attend Receptions, meet the people in hundreds to shake hands (and in thousands to give them a chance to have a glance at him), he had also to meet the Presidents of the Republics, the Ministers of the Cabinets, Leaders of the people in various walks of life; he had to attend the meetings of Executives and of the Missionaries and to discuss with them the past achievements and the future programmes. He had to attend the Rallies of the School children which he had to address giving the suitable advice for their future career.

During this tour he had to address Press Conferences where he had to face the searching questions of the newsmen of the fast developing countries. The Television Camera's dazzling lights and the recording processes of the Broadcasting Corporations were no less exacting.

A detailed account of this grand tour has been published in the AL-FAZL (Urdu) the official organ of the Ahmadiyya Community. However, main items of interest will be presented to the readers of the 'Tahrik-i-Jadid' also.

Glimpses of the tour

At a Reception held in Freetown by the Muslim Congress—the largest Muslim party in Sierra Leone—and the Muslim Brotherhood, in honour of Sahibzada Mirza Mubarak Ahmad, Vakil-ut-Tabshir, Hon. Mustafa, the ex-Vice Premier and the President of the Muslim Congress lauded the activities of the Mission and had the nobility of calling upon all the Muslims to unite and to help the Ahmadiyya Mission to help them all. He explained to the audience how the Muslims were considered to be the most backward, only a few years back, and how the times had now changed because of the untiring efforts of the Ahmadiyya Missionaries in presenting the Islamic teachings in their pristine purity and furthering the educational cause of the younger generation.

"Had the Ahmadis not come to this country, and had they not made the sacrifices that they have made, Islam might have been wiped out of this territory," he said. The Hon. Mustafa also expressed his displeasure at those who, at times displayed a spirit of non-cooperation with the Mission. For whom are they working, he asked the audience, and then he replied this question himself: "It is for you and for your children and for the uplift of Islam

to the pinnacle of glory where it once was."

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In Nigeria, Alhaj A. F. Masha, the Chairman of the Lagos City Council and one of the most prominent Muslim leaders, especially in the field of education, said in his presidential remarks at a Reception held in Lagos that the credit of being the pioneers of Muslim education really went to the Ahmadiyya Community It is they, he further said, who showed the light for the people to see their way.

In Ghana, where the Ahmadiyya Mission had the good fortune of starting the first Ahmadiyya Secondary School it was no less a personality than His Excellency Dr. Kwame Nkrumah, the President of Ghana himself, who assured Sahibzada Sahib that he and his country were very happy with the work that was being done by the Ahmadiyya Missionaries and that it was only an ungrateful person who would not appreciate what these gentlemen had done for Ghana. Dr. Kwame Nkrumah was kind enough to say that he and his government would always do all they could to help the Ahmadiyya Mission in their educational programmes for the furtherance of the Muslim population of the country.

Leaders of tomorrow.

In all the territories that Sahibzada Sahib visited, a great enthusiasm was displayed by the students of the schools and colleges to meet him and to hear him. The school children in Nigeria, Ghana and Sierraleone held Rallies in his honour, sang songs in praise of Islam and pledged themselves for the service of religion and their respective countries.

Sahibzada Sahib addressed them with equal eagerness. He told them that they being the the leaders of tomorrow had all the eyes set on them. There could be nothing better than serving God and one's country. Therein, he said, lay the true purpose of education.

He drew their attention towards the spiritual values and reminded them that no amount of knowledge could ever be of any use if it was not utilized for the benefit of humanity.

The Rallies presented the most colourful and delightful scenes with children in their uniforms and with flags in their hands. The sweet little voices singing in Arabic and their local languages will ring in the ears of those who heard them, for a long time to come.

It is worth mentioning that the children of the fast developing countries of West Africa are full of confidence and courage and display certainty of a great future that lise ahead.

Do you know ?

The Tahrik-i-Jadid is running the following Missions in various parts of the world for the propagation of Islam :

West Africa: Ghana, Nigeria, Sierra Leone, Liberia, Togoland, Ivory Coast and Gambia. In all these countries there are hundreds of branches spread all over the area.

East Africa : Kenya, Uganda and Tanganyika. A large number of branches are to be found all over these territories.

United States of America: Washington D.C., Philadelphia, New York, Baltimore, Pittsburgh, Youngstown, Cleveland, Dayton, Indianapolis, Milwakee, St. Louis, and Los Angeles.

Europe : England, West Germany, Holland, Switzerland, Spain, Norway, Sweden and Denmark.

British Guiana, Trinidad, Muaritius, Ceylon, Burma, Singapore, Malaya.

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He accepts Islam

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Mr. Rafiq Tschannen (20) a recent convert to Islam was born into a strictly Protestant Swiss family. His parents being what can be termed as good Christians, he had a lot of opportunity of learning what Christtianity really teaches and stands for. But Mr. Tschannen told a representative of the "*Tahrik-i-Jadid*" that as soon as he was able to think for himself he started feeling that Christianity was not the answer to his inner call. He could not reconcile himself with the enigmatic dogma of Trinity and it confounded his confusion the more when the clergyman said that Christianity had to be taken as it was whether one could understand it or not.

Mr. Tschannen says that though he was living in a small village in the Eastern parts of Switzerland, the literature produced by the Tahrik-i-Jadid was easily availabe to him and he, therefore decided to pay more attention to it. Especially, the German translation of the Holy Quran. He was also getting copies of *Der Islam* regularly and he says that had it not been for this magazine he would have lost all contact with the Ahmadiyya Mission and his studies of Islam would have discontinued.

When he now thinks over his joining Islam he feels that that translation of the Holy Quran and Der Islam played the most important role in getting him converted to this noble religion.

He has very strong views on the practical application of religion in our day to day lives. Unhappy with the condition of the Muslims of various countries who have gone to stay in different parts of Europe, he thinks that if these people had been living Islamic lives, conversion of the Europeans to Islam would have been easier.

According to him, a European who is converted to Islam does not only change his religion, he also changes his society, for, he has to leave a number of things that were a mere routine for him. Unless he gets a new society which is purely based on Islamic values, the conversion would not mean anything at all. Mr. Tschannen is at present in Pakistan and he visits Rabwah quite often. One thing that pleases him most is that every now and then he can enjoy the Islamic atmosphere by spending a few days at the Headquarters of the Movement.

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Our Missions in foreign countries are running 47 schools which are helping thousands of Muslim children to better their future through education. The establishment of Muslim schools in West Africa has forestalled the progress of Christianity, for it was mostly through their schools that the Christians converted the Muslims to their own religion.

One of the most important avenues of preaching one's message in this age of ours is the Press. It is through newspapers and magazines that we can reach the largest number witb the smallest difficulty and in the shortest possible time. The Ahmadiyya Missions in foreign countries are running quite a number of newspapers for the propagation of the message of Islam. A list of the newspapers published by various Missions will, insha Allah be published next month.

Mosques all over the World

A mosque is not only a place of worship, it has always been the centre of the Community life for the Muslims. In faet, the Muslims of any locality can never remain united, and certainly can make no progress, if they do not possess a mosque in their area. It is this in view that the Tahrik-i-Jadid has embarked upon an extensive programme of building mosques in all the parts of the world, especially where there are no mosques at all.

Hazrat Amirul Momineen has said it times out of number that we have to build mosques not only in big centres of the world but in all the places—big and small. The Ahmadiyya Movement has so far built more than 300 mosques in various parts of the world, eight out of them in Europe and United States.

The Lajna Imaullah has also resolved to build a mosque in Denmark.

Every member of the Movement is justifiably proud of this glorious achievement. Let every one of us ponder over it and search our hearts to find out if we have played our own part to our full satisfaction. We must remember that we need money to complete the mosques that are already under construction and also to build many more.

This is the time for us to act. May God help all of us to do the needful. Amen.

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Missionaries feted

Maulana N. A. Mobashir, Naib (Assistant) Vakilut Tabshir said that the very fact that the message of Islam had been carried to all the corners of the earth by the Ahmadiyya Missionaries, was cogent proof of the truth of the Promised Messiah, peace be on him, for, it was he who had prophesied more than seventy years ago that the time for the ascendance of Islam had arrived.

Maulana Mobashir was speaking to a selected gathering of the Missionaries who had assembled to do honour to their colleagues who are to go abroad soon for the propagation of Islam and those who have arrived back after meritorious service in this field.

The "Welcome and Farewell" address was read out by Mr. Masud Ahmad Jehlumi. The replies to the address were given by Mir Masud Ahmad, on behalf of those who have returned to Pakistan, and Maulvi M.I. Soofi, for those who will soon be going out.

Following are the Missionaries who have arrived back in Pakistan:

Mir Masud Ahmad (Scandanavia)
Maulvi Saleh Mohammad (W. Africa)
Maulvi Jamilur Rahman Rafiq (E. Africa)

Following to go abroad

Maulvi M. I. Soofi (already left)
,, A.R. Razi
,, N.A. Bashir

The function was also graced by Sahibzada Mirza Mubarak Ahmad Vakil-i-Ala (& Vakilut Tabshir) Maulana Abul Ata, ex-Missionary, Middle East and Maulana Sheikh Mubarak Ahmad, Naib Nazir Islaho Irshad.

Our Publications!

In view of the fact that this is the Age of the Press, everybody realises the importance of the printed word. The Tabshir is behind none in this respect. It has taken upon itself to execute a huge programme of producing the Islamic literature in various languages of the world. The Holy Quran has been translated in some European as well as African languages.

More translations are under prepartion, and it will be of great interest to the readers to know that the Tahrik-i-Jadid is now busily engaged in publishing the translation of the Holy Quran with short notes which will help the readers to understand it better.

Some books of the Promised Messiah, peace be on him, Hazrat Khalifatul Masih II and other writers of renown have also been translated in English as well some other languages and are available from the Vakalat-i-Tabshir, the Oriental and Religious Publishing Corporation, Rabwah and from various Missions of the Ahmadiyya Movement all over the world.

We should like to draw your attention to the following books especially.

(1) Philosophy of the Teachings of Islam
(2) Ahmadiyyat or the True Islam
(3) Invitation to Ahmadiyyat
(4) Introduction to the Study of the Holy Quran
(5) Life of Mohammad
(6) Jesus in India
(7) Forty Gems
(8) Ahmadiyya Movement
(9) Our Movement
(10) Our Foreign Missions

The office of the *Tahrik-i-Jadid monthly* is also in a position to arrange the supply of all the books that you need. This is the Age of the Press. Please read books yourself and tell others also to read.

Literature on Islam can also be supplied free of charge. Drop a note to us and that will bring the literature to you in due course. If you have any suggestions about the prepartion, production and distribution of the literature, please write to us. It may help the world and you may be amply rewarded for it.

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Our Messege in the Arab Countries

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Ch. Mohammad Sharif

It was in 1925 A.D. that the first Ahmadiyya Mission was established in the Arab lands. The start was made with one Missionary who was to be responsible for the preaching activities throughout Egypt, Syria, Palestine, Jordan, Iraq and other Arab countries. The sphere of action was large and the personnel small, but the beginnings are always like that. The literature published in those days was small in quantity but it was very significant, for, it was always topical and dealt with such subjects as were most critically looked upon by the people.

In 1932, Maulana Abul Ata Jalundhari started the publication of a quarterly magazine entitled Al-Bisharatul Islamiyya-tul-Ahmadiyya.

The Thrik-i-Jadid scheme was inaugurated in 1934 and that was the very year when the Ahmadiyya Mission in the Arab countries established a printing press in Haifa. One of the earliest fruits of this Press was the conversion of the quarterly into a monthly magazine known as Al-Bushra. It is worth mentioning here that the Head Office of the Tahrik-i-Jadid gave a hand some grant to this magazine till 1939, with a view to making it stand on its own feet. Thenceforward the magazine became self supporting, and God be praised for it.

Although the Al-Bushra was grant aided by Tahrik-i-Jadid for three to four years, the Mission was strictly speaking not being run by the Tahrik-i-Jadid. It was directly under the control of "Dawato Tabligh". In 1947, Hazrat Amirul Momineen decided to put all the Missioms in the foreign countries under the control of Tahrik-i-Jadid and thus the Mission in the Arab countries also changed hands.

The Missionaries who have so far worked there have done their best to further the cause of Islam by preaching the message of Ahmadiyyat by personal contacts as well as by producing literature. Quite a number of books of the Promised Messiah, peace be on him, have been published there and a flourishing school has also been established at Kababir.

The seed that was sown almost forty years ago has now grown into a tree with its branches in almost every Arab country. Due credit must be given to those who have joined the community in these lands, for the part which they have so willingly played in the working of Tahrik-i-Jadid by donating handsome amounts to its funds. Eighty five of them have also the honour of getting their names included in the list of 5000 soldiers of Islam, in a book speciolly published by Tahrik-i-Jadid to perpetuate their names for the coming generations to pray for them.

We pray to God that He may always continue giving the Community such sincere workers as should make the necessary sacrifices for furthering the cause of Islam. Says the Promised Messiah peace be on him:

"O young men, try hard to strengthen the cause of religion so that the Garden of the Muslim nation may (once again) flourish and have springtide."

INTRODUCING TABSHIR PUBLICATIONS

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Maulvi Nur-ud-Din Munir, Naib Vakil-ut-Tabshir (Tasnif)

It is intended to give in these columns a brief story of the work done by the Tahriki Jadid (Tabshir) in publishing the literature produced by the Promised Messiah (peace be on him) and his Successors and in distributing it in various parts of the world.

To begin with let us take 'The Teachings of Islam', a classic work of the Promised Messiah which derives its substance from the Holy Quran and serves as an excellent introduction to Islam. It deals with questions like the object of man's life; his physical, moral and spiritual states; the condition of his life after death; and how can he acquire Divine knowledge; questions which are all vital for the spiritual and moral progress of man.

It was written in Urdu and read at a Conference of religions held in Lahore on December 26-29, 1896, where the protagonists of other religions also read their papers on the same theme. 'The Teachings of Islam', however, was acclaimed as the best of them all and thus was fulfilled the prophecy which the Promised Messiah made during the course of its writing promising it excellence over all the other essays.

In this book the Promised Messiah has invited all mankind to consider the crucial subjeet of forging a link with our Maker and holding communion with Him. In this context he has cited his own experience of receiving Revelation of God through practising Islam and given this glad tiding that through Islam a man can even now attain to spiritual eminence. The book has done much to dispel the distorted image of Islam current in the West and elsewhere in the world and to replace it by the correct image.

An Englisn translation of 'The Teachings of Islam' first appeared serially in 'The Review of Religions', Qadian, 1902. Count Tolstoi on reading it, remarked, 'The ideas are very profound and very true.'

Its first English edition in book form was published by Luzac & Co., London in 1910; since then it has been reprinted again and again and published from Qadian, Lahore and other places; a revised English translation was published by the Ahmadiyya Movement in Islam, Washington, 8 D.C. in 1953.

Its translations have also been published in Arabic, French, Spanish, Chinese, Burmese, Sinhalese and Gujrati. Translations are ready in Hausa (W. Africa) and Swahili (E. Africa). Steps are also being taken to prepare its translations in Italian, Turkish, Russian and German languages.

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